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## Politics are his life ...

But visiting scholar dreams about baseball

by KIMBERLY BAGBY  
reporter

Students shuffle into a room in Smith Hall, take their seats and prepare for the lecture.

They wait for the professor and wonder which aspect of political science he will discuss today.

Soon, he walks into the classroom. The students are quiet as he approaches the podium. They see a tall man of 67. He has gray hair and is wearing a suit and tie.

Dr. Jean E. Smith, the John Marshall Professor of Political Science, is a familiar face on campus, but his students may not realize the man who stands before them is a husband, father of two, former captain of field artillery in the Army and a renowned scholar.

Smith begins to lecture the class in his bold, clear voice and students quickly jot down his words. His professional, yet congenial, demeanor provides a formal setting to discuss American presidents, political candidates and the Constitution.

Behind his serious face is a man whose dream is to play first base for the New York Yankees. But, in reality he is a professor, an author and a workaholic.

"I concentrate on my research," he said. "That's my hobby."

Dr. Jean E. Smith is the John Marshall Professor of Political Science.



Faces  
around  
Campus

"I grew up in Washington, D.C., where politics is all around you," he said. "I became academically interested in political science as an undergraduate at Princeton University in the early 1950s."

Smith is a visiting scholar at Marshall for the next five years. The invitation was given to him at the 1998 graduation ceremony after he wrote the book, "John Marshall: Definer of a Nation." He has been a visiting scholar at Princeton and was a professor of political science at the University of Toronto for 35 years, in addition to serving on 32 doctorate committees.

Smith continues the lecture using expressive hand gestures and joking with his students. They sit silent as he talks

about the television show "NYPD Blue." He uses the show to explain Miranda Rights.

"I have never had a lecture-style course before," whispered Susan Thompson, a sophomore from St. Albans. "The professor is pretty much easy to listen to and he can be humorous at times."

He pauses for questions then continues to speak. The class becomes restless and he realizes the hour and 15 minutes is over. The students briskly leave the room and Smith gathers his things and leaves.

One of Smith's favorite quotes is "Never look back," he said, quoting Satchel Paige, a former pitcher for the Kansas City Monarchs. "Someone may be gaining on you."

## Statement of equality

Release outlines university policy on discrimination

by CARA D. COOPER  
reporter

A news release stating Marshall's commitment to equality issued Monday from the Dean of Student Affairs and the Office of Equity Programs is a "strong first step, but not

enough," said Raymie White coordinator of the Lesbian Gay Bisexual Outreach program.

The release was issued 14 days after members of the Delta Lambda Phi fraternity found their fliers defaced with derogatory statements.

"We feel like we have been working with the students and have tried to honor their requests," she said.

The release reminds the public that the university specifically prohibits discrimination

based on disability, status, race, color, sex, sexual orientation, religion, national origin or veteran status. Actions contrary to this policy will not be tolerated and appropriate sanctions will be taken against those in violation of this policy, according to the news release.

David N. Harris, director of Equity Programs said, "We take our policy seriously and try to make sure everyone hears it. We

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## LCOB striving to keep status Accreditation team to visit next month

by STEFANIE FRALEY  
reporter

When Marshall University merged with the West Virginia Graduate College in South Charleston, they made history.

"It was the first time in business education in the country that an accredited school merged with an unaccredited school," said Dr. Calvin Kent, dean of the Elizabeth McDowell Lewis College of Business.

Marshall, which received its accreditation in April 1997, was then given five years to get the merged program completely up to standards and were given three years to show that it was making substantial progress towards that goal, Kent said.

"They (the accreditation body) want to make sure we're not like the student who hasn't started writing the term paper because it is not due tomorrow," Kent said.

Each year since the merger, the College of Business has been required to file a report to document their progress and explain what has been done.

The reports consist of:

- profiles on faculty's credentials,
- what research the faculty has been doing and their publications,
- new faculty,
- changes in curriculum and
- how the school is handling faculty employment in association with the merger.

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## Freeze affects renovations

by CARA D. COOPER  
reporter

Completion of renovations on the Morrow Library will depend on when the spending freeze is lifted, said David W. Fenney, estimator/planner for the physical plant.

The freeze was issued Jan. 11 by President Dan Angel after Gov. Cecil H. Underwood ordered bud-

get reductions of all state agencies.

Senior Vice President for Operations Dr. K. Edward Grose said because of the freeze, renovations now will be done "in-house" with the university's own people and money.

The total cost of the library renovations is \$2.5 million, Grose said. Funding for the library came from different areas includ-

ing private and federal bonds.

The majority of the total cost is for the new heating and air conditioning system that will be installed in the library, Grose said.

"The old system ran underground from Smith Hall to the library and was not very efficient," he said.

Fenney said drawings from

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photo by Terri Blair

Marco entertains the Marshall crowd at Monday's game against Ohio. The Thundering Herd beat the Mid-American Conference foe 78-72 at the Cam Henderson Center. See page 5 for more.

## Gov. Underwood sponsors summer internships

by J.J. SPICHEK  
reporter

For students who want to gain work experience this summer, the Governor's Internship Program may be the answer.

"I am pleased to provide West Virginia college students an opportunity to gain practical work experience while encouraging them to develop careers here at home,"

Underwood said in a news release.

The goal of the program is to provide students with internships that are project-oriented, based on student interests and abilities, as well as employers' needs, according to the Web site at <http://www.wvnet.edu/page2.html>.

About 35 agencies participate in this program by hosting interns.

The internships normally last nine weeks and pay at least \$5.15 an hour, according to the Internet site.

To qualify, the student:

- must be enrolled at a West Virginia college or university, or a West Virginia resident attending an accredited college or university elsewhere.
- Have completed at least one

academic year of study at an accredited college or university by June 2000.

- Have a cumulative college or university of 3.0 or greater.

The program is designed to put students in internships with public/private sector enterprises, according to Internet site.

The Internship Program

began in 1989.

Since then, about 1,000 of West Virginia's students have participated in the program, according to the Internet site.

Application materials must be postmarked by April 7. More information is available by visiting the Web site at <http://www.wvnet.edu/page2.html> or by calling the coordinator Tracy Carr at 304-558-2440.

## The Marshall Plan: Preparing students or postponing graduation?

by RYAN WHEELER  
staff writer

The fall semester of 1995 brought drastic change for Marshall's curriculum.

Every entering freshman that year fell under the Marshall Plan.

Two years after former Marshall President J. Wade Gilley pushed for the introduction of the Marshall Plan, transfer students were includ-

ed in the program. Today, nearly every student studies within the requirements of the plan.

Today's Marshall students would recognize the Marshall Plan from courses marked "multicultural," international" or "writing intensive."

Dr. Frances S. Hensley, associate vice president for academic affairs, said the plan stemmed from the concept that students should be more knowledgeable in areas other than

*"Even though most people complain about working in writing intensive requirements on top of everything else, the work usually isn't that much different than regular classes."*

Jake Anderson,  
Huntington senior

their majors. It was meant to raise the quality of education.

Hensley said student recommendations regarding the program have been noted since

1995 and evaluation results are being tallied for an upcoming meeting.

Next fall, the General Education Committee will submit a

report on the successes and failures of the Marshall Plan to the Faculty Senate. Each component of the plan has a faculty monitor that will suggest revision, Hensley said. Then, changes in structure may be made.

Among the rumors already in the air for recommendation is a suggestion to increase the writing intensive requirement from three hours to six, Hensley said.

That is a change some students do not want to see.

Huntington psychology senior Jake Anderson is safe from additional requirements under his current plan, but doesn't see any benefit from a future increase.

"Even though most people complain about working in writing intensive requirements on top of everything else, the

Please see **MARSHALL, P3**



# Students' work to air on WMUL

by NICOLE L. JIVIDEN  
reporter

Students in last semester's advanced audio production class will reap the rewards of their work when their latest documentary airs on WMUL-FM, 88.1, at 7 p.m. today.

The hour-long documentary, "Reaping the Whirlwind: The Raid on Guyandotte 1861," will be broadcast on the station's "Aircheck" program.

Dr. Charles G. Bailey, faculty manager for WMUL-FM and professor of the class, said the documentaries are designed to give students a better understanding of local history. A different documentary is completed every year.

"I think it's important to give back to the community. We do

*"I think it is important for us to give back to the community. We do these documentaries because we think these are stories that need to be told."*

Dr. Charles G. Bailey,  
faculty manager for WMUL-FM

these documentaries because we think these are stories that need to be told," Bailey said.

Students in the class spend the semester researching, writing, producing and promoting a radio documentary that airs every spring.

For this show, students researched Guyandotte's Civil War history.

In addition, music and sound effects were gathered to "make the documentary more interest-

ing," Bailey said.

Sound effects were taken from re-enactors of the 36th Virginia Infantry Company A and the civilian re-enactors of "Thunder in the Village."

"Reaping the Whirlwind: The Raid on Guyandotte 1861" tells the story of the battle that took place in Guyandotte Nov. 10, 1861, a battle which, Bailey said, is often overlooked when people think of the Civil War.

Brandy M. Barkey, Point

Pleasant senior and a student from the class, said the program will be a success.

"I think people will be interested because it was something that happened in this area," Barkey said.

Today's production is the third Civil War documentary to air on WMUL-FM.

The previous productions, "Soldier By Chance: The Life and Times of Albert Gallatin Jenkins of Greenbottom, W.Va." and "A Glimpse of the Elephant: The Battle of Barboursville 1861," won such awards as the West Virginia Associated Press Contest for Best Documentary, the College Media Advisers College Radio Award for Best Feature Reporting and the Communicator Award of Excellence for Student-Produced Documentary.

## Couples flocked to Las Vegas for no-frills wedding ceremonies

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Gary Anderson and his fiancée didn't spend a lot of time preparing for their wedding. They flipped through a Las Vegas chapel guide on the airplane and picked one.

"We didn't want to go through the stress of all of it," Brenda Jevning, 56, of Minneapolis said.

Selecting a wedding chapel on short notice is no problem in the wedding capital of the world. The city's 50 chapels do swift business each Valentine's Day, ushering couples in and out of ceremonies

in assembly-line fashion.

"We're scheduled about every 15 minutes up until midnight," Margaret Johnson, co-owner of Graceland Wedding Chapel, said.

The line leading to the Marriage License Bureau stretched into the street. Some 2,483 couples said "I do" during a three-day period last Valentine's Day, and officials expected at least that many this year.

Workers worked round-the-clock to issue licenses to couples sure that Las Vegas was the best

place to wed. The city has the most liberal marriage laws in the country — no blood test or waiting period for the \$35 license.

Dawn Goldring, 29, of Burleson, Texas, was frantically trying to get everything in order before she reached the front of the line with her soon-to-be groom, Will Richards.

"This is actually my divorce decree," Goldring said, holding a file folder.

And, since it's Las Vegas, some weddings had to border on the

bizarre.

At the Elvis-A-Rama Museum, couples marrying on Valentine's Day received a souvenir copy of Elvis and Priscilla's marriage license. The Golden Nugget hotel-casino downtown planned a mass wedding ceremony for 24 couples brought to Las Vegas by a St. Louis radio station.

But for Californians Ruth Camacho and Antonio Dorame, they came for something simpler.

"We want a Christian ceremony," Dorame, 73, said.

## Two Columbine students found dead after shooting in Littleton restaurant

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — Two Columbine High students were found dead early Monday after a shooting at a sandwich shop about two blocks south of the school, still reeling from the worst school shooting in U.S. history.

Investigators could not offer a motive but ruled out murder-suicide.

A woman who worked at the Subway sandwich shop was driving by just before 1 a.m. and noticed a light on inside. Since the business was supposed to be closed by 10 p.m., she stopped, went inside and found the bodies of a 15-year-old boy who worked there and a 16-year-old girl, Jefferson County sheriff's spokesman Steve Davis said.

Davis said both victims, students at Columbine, suffered apparent gunshot wounds, but could not say if the wounds were the cause of death. He did not know whether investigators had recovered a weapon.

The victims were identified as Nicholas Kunselman and Stephanie Hart, who were dating, according to Courtney Scott, an 18-year-old cousin of Hart's.

Scott placed a heart-shaped bouquet of flowers with a banner reading, "I love you," outside the shop at midmorning.

Her cousin was not at the school when two teen-age gunmen opened fire last year, she said.

J.J. Hodack, a 22-year-old store employee, said Kunselman often was assigned to shut down the restaurant at closing time. "Obviously, our boss trusted him. He's a good worker," he said.

Hodack said Hart often came by the store near closing time.

"I hope it was just a robbery," Hodack said. "I've had way more than enough of this. This stuff needs to stop."

The shop is in a small strip mall within sight of the school where two teen-age students killed 12 students and a teacher on April 20 and wounded more than two dozen others. The two, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, then committed suicide.

Columbine Principal Frank DeAngelis would not comment. Classes were in session Monday.

After receiving the call, deputies responded within a few minutes. They determined the teens were dead, left the shop, awaited a search warrant and re-entered the store again about six hours later.

A spokeswoman for the Subway chain of shops released a statement: "We are saddened by the loss of these two young lives. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families, friends and co-workers and, of course, the entire community during this difficult time."

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# Faculty directory likely to remain only on Web site

by **CARA D. COOPER**  
reporter

The 1999-2000 faculty directory has not been printed and probably will not be, Director of Human Resources Jim Stephens said.

"The sources the information for the directory comes from are not up to speed," Stephens said.

There is also the issue of the transition from the old data system to the new Banner HR system, he said.

"We are in an uphill battle to get all the information loaded into Banner HR. We apologize to our clients who need the directory," Stephens said.

Health and Safety Specialist Jeffrey L. Ellis said the lack of a directory is only a small inconvenience. He said he can find the number he needs by calling the department or looking it up on his computer.

Assistant Director of Public Safety Mark D. Rhodes agrees with Ellis.

"I just use the front of the student directory or use the computer to pull up the information," he said.

Stephens said the Department of Human Resources briefly discussed the possibility of a Web-based directory and there is an "excellent probability" of that happening as soon as next year.

"We would like to have a Web-based directory from which a paper directory could be printed for those who need it," he said.

The Web-based directory could be kept up in "real time," meaning it could be updated immediately, Stephens said.

"The paper directory is outdated almost as soon as it is printed," he said.

Another advantage to the Web-based directory is that it would almost eliminate the cost of producing a directory, Stephens said.

"The cost of producing the paper directory is between \$1,600 to \$2,000," he said.

There would be an initial start-up cost for the Web-based directory and a small cost for those who want a printed copy of the directory, he said.

Although Stephens did not have specific numbers, he said that a Web-based directory would "significantly reduce" the cost of production.

## Statement released

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hope our statement is satisfactory to them (LGBO)."

Okey Napier Jr., chairman of the Commission on Multiculturalism's Subcommittee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Affairs, said he is pleased that the university finally made a statement, but like White, he said he still feels more needs to be done.

Napier and White both said they are critical of the Office of Multicultural and International Programs for their lack of response and cooperation throughout the incident.

The LGBO office has issued a set of recommendations they want implemented.

The list was given to Cockrille and includes a diversity campaign, follow-up diversity forums and the development of a lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender leadership institute, which would

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**Okey Napier,**  
chairman of the Commission on Multiculturalism's Subcommittee on Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Affairs

provide educational programs.

The LGBO office also is recommending the university provide one full-time coordinator for the LGBO office.

"Most, if not all, minority student groups are funded by at least one full-time coordinator. The LGBO is not," Napier said.

Napier said he plans to further address these issues at the meeting of the Commission on Multiculturalism, which is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. Wednesday in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center.

## LCOB gets ready for visit

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tion with having qualified professors teaching the appropriate courses, Kent said.

"We've completed the third annual report, and are now preparing for a visit from an accreditation team in March," Kent said.

"The team will make an on-site visit and at the time, make a recommendation as to have we made satisfactory progress and they will then present that

to the accreditation committee in April."

After the visit, the College of Business will then have a year and a half to file the final report, which is due in September 2002.

"Only 20 percent of the collegiate business programs in the county ever get it (the accreditation)," Kent said.

"The only other fully accredited school in the state is WVU. It is a very difficult accreditation to get and to maintain, so we are determined to do whatever is necessary to make sure that the merged programs retain the accreditation."

## Morrow may be on hold

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the architect are needed before floor renovations on the heating and air conditioning system can be continued.

"More work will be done as the money we need becomes available," he said.

The Testing Center has been moved to the basement of the library. There are plans to

move other offices to the first floor after renovations are complete, although when is unknown, Grose said.

The offices of the president and senior vice president of operations are two that are likely to move to Morrow, he said.

Although renovations are planned for the wraparound section on the first floor and the entire second floor, both still will be library space, Grose said. Those spaces will be used for the stacks and special collections, he said.

# Advisers act as glue to keep campus groups together

by **COURTNEY M. ROSS**  
reporter

For just about every interest a student may have, there is probably a student organization to match.

Along with the organizations comes organization officers, but often overlooked are the advisers.

Stanley Sporny has been the adviser for ARTATAK! for three years.

"My wife, who is a teacher here, and a student came to me with the idea of starting ARTATAK!," Sporny said. "I've been the adviser since the organization began."

ARTATAK! is an entity set

up to give art students recognition on campus, Sporny said.

"This gives students more power about decision making," Sporny said. "They can speak as a group about concerns."

ARTATAK! is active in community service; the paintings on several of Huntington's underpasses were done by them, Sporny said.

As far as involvement with the organization, Sporny said he just gives advice when it is needed.

"I told the kids it was a lot of work and they had to do it themselves," Sporny said.

"I leave everything up to

them and help out when they need me. These kids are really heroes for what they do."

Sam Dameron is also an adviser on campus for Lambda Alpha Epsilon. He is also the national president of the organization.

"Lambda Alpha Epsilon was founded in 1937," Dameron said. "I have been the adviser for it since it started at Marshall in 1986."

Dameron said he started the organization on campus with the help of some students.

According to a brochure by the American Criminal Justice Association, Lambda Alpha

Epsilon is an association devoted to the furtherance of professionalism in all areas of criminal justice.

In dealing with the organization, Dameron said he helps the students come up with what to do, but he never tells them what to do.

Along with the responsibilities that come with being an adviser, there are also some advantages.

"You get to know the students better, especially the officers," Dameron said.

"It helps the students also because I can write better letters of recommendation."

## Marshall Plan being studied

■ From page 1

work usually isn't that much different than regular classes," he said.

"Most people hate taking those hours, so I think adding more would just create more stress."

Hensley said she was not sure whether students would be able to attend the General Education Committee meeting next fall, but added that she would make that suggestion to allow students to play a role in

future curriculum decisions.

This semester marks the revisiting of the Marshall Plan, Hensley said.

The plan originally was an effort to strengthen the undergraduate degree at a growing university, she said. It was an effort to create more diverse learning and a distinct way of boosting students' all around knowledge.

When the plan surfaced more than four years ago Hensley worked in the College of Liberal Arts.

"Lots of students saw it as an obstacle to graduation four years ago," she recalled.

*"It is working. We have taken those qualities employers wanted and students should have and incorporated them into the university."*

**Dr. Francis S. Hensley,**  
associate vice president for academic affairs


Hensley said she thinks the plan has been outstanding for the university and its students.

According to the university course catalog, the Marshall Plan will ensure every student who receives a baccalaureate degree is prepared for the 21st century. That is a bold statement, Hensley said, but

Marshall is achieving it.

"It is working," she said. "We have taken those qualities employers wanted and students should have and incorporated them into the university."

"Students will understand the Marshall Plan after using it," she said. "We hope it will show up when students leave."



## REAPING THE WHIRLWIND:

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## The Parthenon

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Dear Son, I know that astronomy, economics, and oceanography are enough to keep even an honor student busy. Do not forget that the pursuit of knowledge is a noble task, and you can never study enough. Love, Dad



## OUR view

### We respect readers' views

We do not want to overreact after getting one letter questioning our ethics and the way we feel about our readers' views, but those are areas we want no confusion about.

Jeremy Rhodes, in a letter to the editor to the far right, suggests that Editor Butch Barker called him a coward in a column Friday.

Barker's column was directed at those who have sent anonymous letters to The Parthenon — many of which were insensitive attacks against The Parthenon staff.

The Parthenon follows an editorial policy that includes not running letters that have not been signed.

Rhodes and Ralph Holbrook's original letter about their thoughts on "In the Crew," our comic strip, was signed and it ran under the "Campus Views" of the Opinions page on Feb. 3.

Rhodes also accuses The Parthenon of sensationalizing a news article. He questioned why we would include an unsigned letter from a "self-proclaimed fag basher" if our policy said no unsigned letters would be printed.

To clear things up, we will take a bold stand against Rhodes' letter.

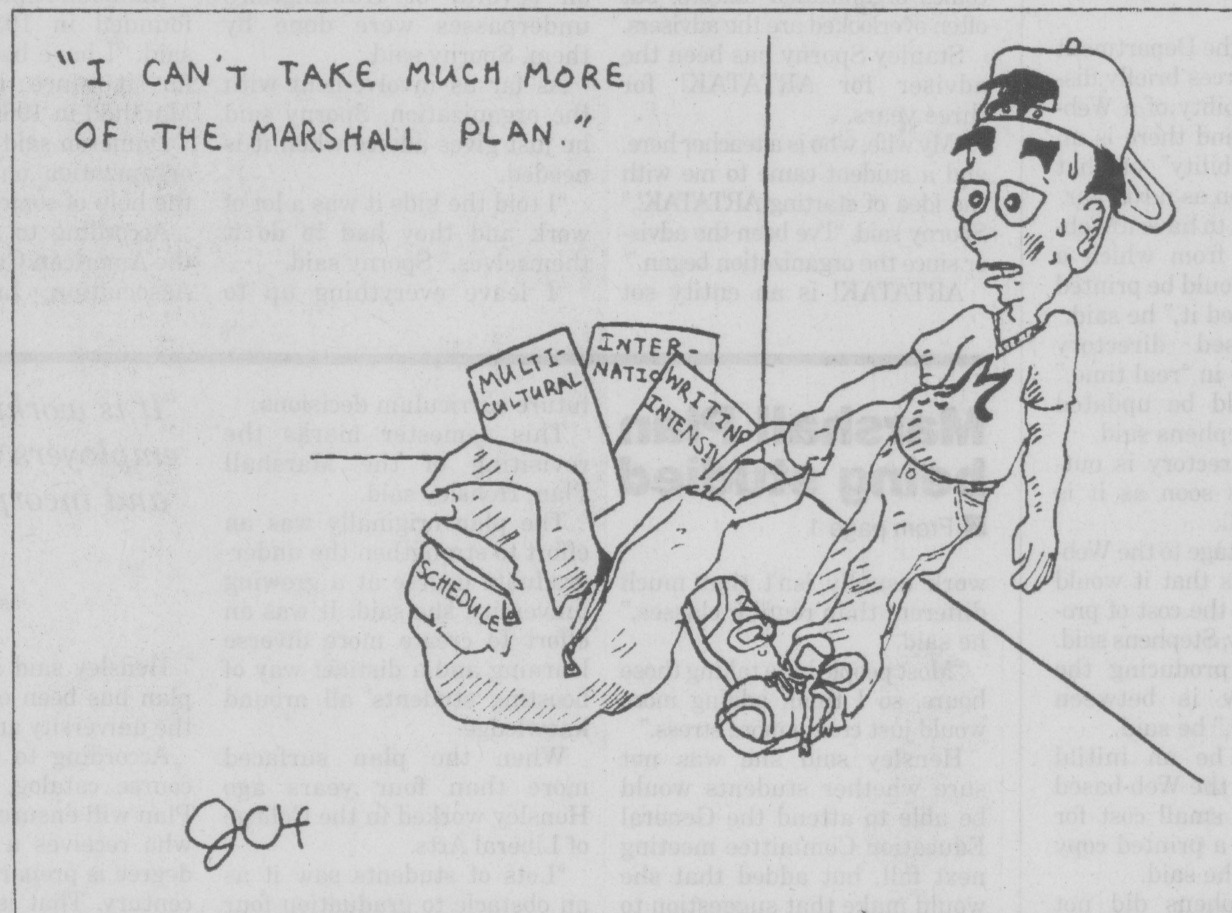
Rhodes and Holbrook's letter was signed and it was printed. We believe there should have been no confusion about who Barker was calling cowards. This semester, we have received five unsigned letters or remarks about this publication and its staff. Those are what we were talking about.

We do not believe in sensationalism. As we've said before, we want to be treated as professionals, because we work as professionals.

First of all, the letter bashing The Parthenon's coverage of gay events was not printed as an opinion. It was used in a news story Feb. 9 on the defacement of Delta Lambda Phi's Rush fliers. It was included because the letter is an official piece of evidence in a string of incidents surrounding acts of hate against homosexuals. We wanted readers to know what the letter entailed and its seriousness.

We do not thrive on negative news. We do not sensationalize any news matter, much less one about a topic as serious as acts of hate against homosexuals.

Finally, we absolutely value readers' opinions. We valued Rhodes and Holbrook's enough to print it. That's what we're here for — to give our readers a voice, while keeping them informed.



## Death of a hero sparks memories



BUTCH BARKER  
editor

I still remember Christmas 1982.

It seems people my age now have this obsession with their lives as children. It's understandable though. Those were the greatest times of our lives. Christmas 1982 was one of mine.

My family was together. I was five, going on six. My oldest sister was in junior high. My mom and dad were still seen being affectionate on a daily basis. Our Christmas tree was loaded with presents.

I still remember thinking I saw Rudolph the night before. My brother's wisecracks about it also linger. "You're stupid," Rick, my older brother, said. "Like reindeer can fly or have shiny noses."

He was always good at trying to ruin things for me, but that's an older brother's job I guess.

Anyway, Dec. 25, 1982. Everyone's up and I run down the stairs. I remember sliding on the tile with the slick feet in my Snoopy footed-pajamas. The first thing I saw under the tree was a large stuffed Snoopy.

I was thrilled. I remember nothing else I got that year,

except the stuffed animal. That says a lot. I'm a guy who rarely forgets anything. Or maybe I remember the important things more.

Snoopy sure was an important part of my life.

I was excited to see Charles Schulz's biography on A&E Sunday evening. Heck, the night before I downloaded and listened to an MP3 of the Peanuts theme on my computer. I've been sad since I learned Schulz was retiring and his last Sunday feature was scheduled to run Sunday. That sadness didn't compare to what I felt when the biography went to commercial and the announcer said "Remembering Charles Schulz, who died yesterday."

I had gone a day without knowing one of my heroes had capped his pen for the last time. I spent Saturday thinking about the strip and the TV specials and listening to the music. It was the day he died. The irony was strong. Not only for me though.

He missed his last Sunday feature by a day. It was almost suitable though. It seems to me he would have preferred his strip outlive him. Peanuts was his life for about 50 years and I think he's probably happier that his strip outlived him — only if it was one day.

I'm going to miss Schulz's work. I will miss anticipating Lucy not letting Charlie Brown kick the ball. I will miss Marcie calling Peppermint Patty "sir." I

will definitely miss Snoopy posing as "Joe Cool" or the "Flashbeagle."

I guess like all the other things from my childhood, Peanuts is over.

My parents live in the house together, but like many parents of children my age, they're pretty much living alone. My brother's actually nice to me these days. My sisters, Melissa and Christina, have children of their own. I can no longer escape reality with the help of a cartoon.

I thank God there are the memories, however.

I can relive that Christmas day in my mind any time I wish. I can still remember the feeling I got when I grabbed up Snoopy from beneath my Christmas tree. It was innocence. It was great.

Life was much kinder and carefree. I have Charles Schulz to thank for some of those memories. But I have my family to thank for even greater memories.

I owe my current happiness to them. They also are responsible for an item I have to remember Schulz by — the 18-year-old stuffed Snoopy.

The next time I go home, he's coming out of retirement and back to Huntington with me.

Like the memories, I'll never let him go.

Butch Barker is editor of The Parthenon. Comments can be sent to him at [barker14@marshall.edu](mailto:barker14@marshall.edu).



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## CAMPUS views

### I'm not a coward; 'kwee' just isn't too funny

For the record, my name is Jeremy Rhodes. Friday, you (Butch Barker) wrote in your editorial (column) that you were upset that people were sending you unsigned letters to be printed in the editorial section. You also wrote that these people were cowards and that the letters would not be printed. You referred to the "gay basher" letter and to letters about the cartoon.

I helped write the original letter expressing an opinion on your cartoon. We referred to the cartoon as being "bland, boring and humorless" and that the chubby squirrel saying "kwee" was not funny. Today, that is the only letter published expressing this opinion.

I was very offended by the fact that your article sounded as if you were calling my friend and I cowards for not signing the letter when in fact the letter was not only signed it had our names, addresses, e-mail addresses and phone number printed on the letter. When our letter was published it even had our names under it along with a little editorial comment that we were not compassionate to the cartoonist feelings. I have had numerous people come to me and ask if I read what you said in your article.

Two things concern me about your paper Mr. Editor. First is the fact that you think that you can misinform people in telling them that the people who wrote about the cartoon were cowards. I believe that it took courage to write an opinion to you and to have it printed along with my name. It shows that I have faith in my opinions and faith is not cowardly sir!

The other is a question. If you do not allow letters that have not been signed to be printed then how did the letter from this gay basher land on the front page? Sensationalism maybe? I asked one of your editors and she said that it was because it was a hate crime. Does that mean that every ignorant redneck that wants attention can write a letter bashing people? What is next? Neo Nazis writing about how they want to do something to the Blacks and the Jews? Are you going to print that because it is a hate crime, because if so, you are going to have the crazies coming out of the woodwork.

Last week you complained that your paper wasn't getting respect from the administration. You wanted to be treated more professionally. How you get treated reflects on how you act. Start acting more professional and you will be treated that way. No one wants to give a quote to a paper that is going to sensationalize what he or she says. Your last line in your editorial was "your criticism is welcome but have the balls to sign your name." My name is Jeremy Rhodes. Now do you have the balls to print this?

— Jeremy Rhodes,  
Huntington

### Commission meeting could mean learning

Recent events on Marshall's Campus have brought concern to many students. Hopefully, you are one of them.

I am talking in reference to the defacement and removal of posters and rush material for Delta Lambda Phi National Social Fraternity, Marshall University Colony. This incident is not just related to Delta Lambda Phi, but to the entire campus. Discrimination towards any individual or group is horrific. I feel that while Marshall does have a policy outlined on acceptable behavior, and another on non-discrimination, education is key to understanding.

On Wednesday at 3:30 pm in the John Spotts Room of the Memorial Student Center, the Commission on Multiculturalism will convene. This is a governing body, chaired by Dr. Betty Cleckley, Vice President for Multicultural Affairs and International Programs, that deals with such issues. I would like to encourage everyone to attend this meeting. It is important to see all views, supporting the stance that Delta Lambda Phi, The Lambda Society, and the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual Outreach Office will make. If you do not agree with the recommendations that will be presented (namely a more tolerant campus) it is to your advantage to attend this meeting also.

One of the greatest needs I see at Marshall is for the creation of a full time coordinator for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgendered (GLBT) issues and needs. We currently have an office for other minority interest groups, serving their needs. The largest of these minority groups totals less than 3.7 percent of the university's population. I also see a need for Multicultural training in residence halls, recognized student groups and organizations, sports teams, and university faculty and staff.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, but would like to express your concerns, feel free to e-mail me at [dlp@marshall.edu](mailto:dlp@marshall.edu), or contact the office of Multicultural Affairs and International Programs at extension 4637.

— Jonathan Sutton,  
DLP social fraternity — Marshall colony

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## Herd fills football vacancies

Bob Pruett filled the first of two openings on his coaching staff this Friday, announcing that Dwayne Nunez will replace Gunter Brewer as wide receivers coach and assistant head coach Bill Wilt will replace Brewer as special teams coordinator.



# No love lost between MU, OU

## Thundering Herd in sole possession of 4th place after Valentine's Day victory

by **AARON E. RUNYON**  
sports editor

It may have been Valentine's Day, but there was no love between Marshall and Ohio.

The Thundering Herd, 17-7 overall and 9-6 in the Mid-American Conference, entered the game hoping for a retort after its 77-53 loss to the Bobcats at Athens in January.



Slay

The answer was Tamar Slay.

The sophomore guard was limited to just four points in the last meeting, but led Marshall with 20 points en route to a 78-72 victory at Cam Henderson

Center on Monday.

Marshall gained sole possession of fourth place in the MAC with the victory.

"I just went out and kept doing what I was doing," Slay said. "The guys that were guarding me got tired."

"I knew I had to score more than four points if we were going to win. I kept my poise and came in at halftime regrouped. They beat us by 24 up there and we knew we were better than that."

Ohio Coach Larry Hunter was impressed with Slay's turnaround performance.

"He was certainly different here tonight than he was at

our place," Hunter said of Slay, who leads the conference in scoring and 3-point field goals. "I really liked what I saw."

Slay's play was contagious.

Sophomore center J.R. VanHoose scored 18 points and grabbed 12 rebounds, and Cornelius Jackson chipped in with 14 in the Thundering Herd victory.

Marshall opened the evening with a fast-paced 6-0 run, forcing Ohio to a timeout after a Derrick Wright dunk with 17:51 left in the half.

The momentum, however, would shift for the worse.

The Bobcats, 15-12 overall and 8-7 in the league, battled back with four 3-pointers to take a 12-10 lead.

The Thundering Herd took the lead on a Slay free throw, but was unable to maintain it because of the 3-point shooting of Ohio guard Dustin Ford.

The Bobcats maintained the lead for the next nine minutes, leading by as much as nine with 5:28 left in the half.

But the remainder of the half belonged to Travis Young.

"Young went off in the last five minutes," Hunter said of the junior guard, who scored nine of his 12 points in the that span.

Young finished the half with

a 3-pointer to tie the game at 35-all.

"Slay got guarded well in the first half and we made the adjustments," Young said. "We knew they were a strong team, but we just came out strong and took over the second half."

Marshall began the second half with a 9-0 run to put the team ahead 44-35.

VanHoose's layup following a break-away steal pushed the lead to 11 with 15:42 left.

The Thundering Herd would not relinquish that lead, building its advantage to as many as 13 points in the second half.

The Bobcats closed the gap to three points in the final two minutes, but would get no closer.

Jackson sealed the win and set the final score with a last-second dunk.

"We turned up the heat in the second half," Marshall Coach Greg White said after the victory. "They dominated us up there and we dominated them down here. We just dominated them on the boards."

Marshall had a 39-24 rebounding edge over Ohio.

"In the second half they were just quicker to the boards than us," Hunter said. "(Sanjay) Adell played very well for us,

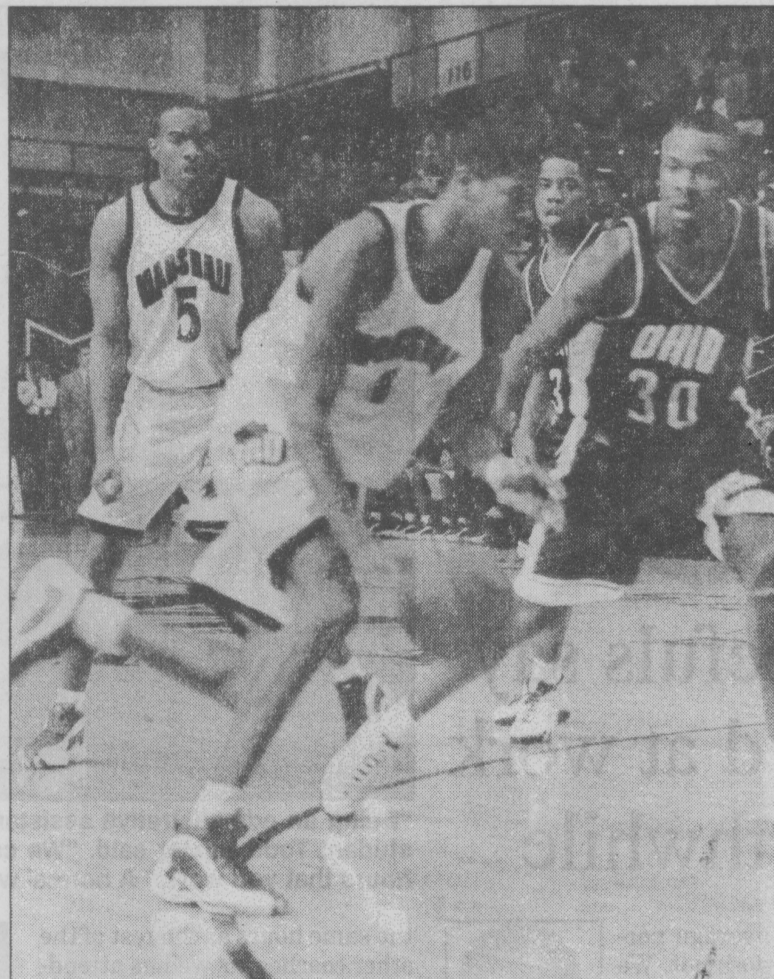


photo by Terri Blair

Marshall's Tamar Slay (1) drives around Ohio's Sanjay Adell (30) during first half action Monday. The Thundering Herd defeated the Bobcats 78-72 to avenge a 77-53 loss to them earlier this season.

but their offensive rebounds were big."

There still is the possibility of a tie-breaker between the conference rivals.

"Our goal is to win 20 and go to the NCAA tournament," White said. "Tonight was a big win for us. This is a big rivalry. We may get them again in the tournament."

Hunter said his Bobcats, who had lost two of their last four conference games after defeating Marshall, needed a rest.

"Our kids are tired," he said. "I think we showed great character to fight our way back into the game. We could have gotten beaten by 20-plus this evening."

Marshall plays at Buffalo on Saturday at 7 p.m.

## Weekend goes well for track squads

by **KIRK D. LIGHTNER**  
reporter

Marshall's track team participated in the Kroger Indoor Invitational at Virginia Tech this weekend in the final meet before the Mid-American Conference championships Feb. 25-26.

James Kneeland broke his own school record in the 800-meter with a time of 1:51.23 to lead the men's team. Kneeland, a Beckley junior, broke the 20-year-old school record in the 800-meter earlier this season. He finished fourth in the event.

Junior mid-distance runner Casey Batey also is having a breakthrough season.

"I am very happy with my performance so far this year," Batey said. "Hopefully in the next couple of years I will be able to run the mile in under four minutes."

The men's team achieved another goal over the weekend. They received four ECAC/IC4A qualifying times for the NCAA Indoor Championships.

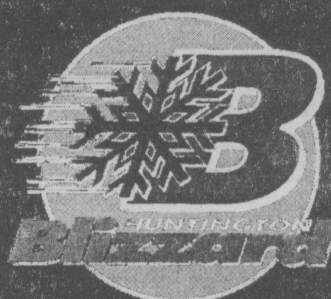
Two of these times were achieved by senior Andrew Blair and freshman Terrence Tarpley. Blair, a Toronto senior, qualified with a 60-meter time of 6.89 seconds. Tarpley, an Atlanta freshman who also plays football, qualified at 6.93 seconds.

The men's 4x400-meter relay team also qualified with a time of 3:20.65.

Senior Lindsay Pinkney placed second in the 3,000-meter with a time of 18:16.81 and sophomore Emily Burchett finished ninth in the 500-meter dash with a time of 1:25.17 to lead the women's team.

Coach Jeff Small said the indoor season has been a successful one for the Thundering Herd.

"Our men and women have worked very hard to get to where they are," Small said.



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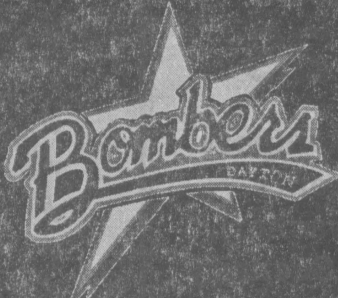
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## Experience real payoff for assistants

### Coaching hopefuls say lessons learned at work make job worthwhile

story and photos  
by J.J. SPICHEK  
reporter

Choosing to work the same hours and meet the same demands as head and assistant coaches without pay may not seem like a good decision.

But for Matt Kerns, Todd Baxter and Charlie Hagley, it was a no-brainer.

The three graduate students are administrative assistants for Marshall's men's basketball team.

They are not paid, but do receive tuition waivers. Still, all three assistants said they are doing their jobs for the experience, not the money.

Hagley turned down a \$30,000-a-year teaching job in Virginia to be an administrative assistant.

"The experience outweighs the monetary value," Hagley said. "This job is 95 percent business and 5 percent basketball. At this position, we learn what goes on behind the scenes and we see what goes on that

the average person does not. We are not required to attend practice, but we choose to do so because it may benefit us in the long run."

Baxter agreed. "If one of the positions were vacant, it would fill in no time," he said. "There's a list of people who would love to have my job. I feel very fortunate to have this job."

"Being an administrative assistant is very demanding and time-consuming. We can work seven days a week and 60 hours — there are no set hours that you work. A normal day is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. I also take nine hours of classes."

To become a Division I basketball coach, most begin as an administrative assistant, then go to third assistant and finally become a head coach, they said.

"The best way for a person to get their foot in the door who is interested in becoming a coach at the Division I level is first becoming an administrative assistant," Baxter said.

Hagley agreed. "This job is for people who want to get into Division I coaching," he said. "This is an entry-level position. We have



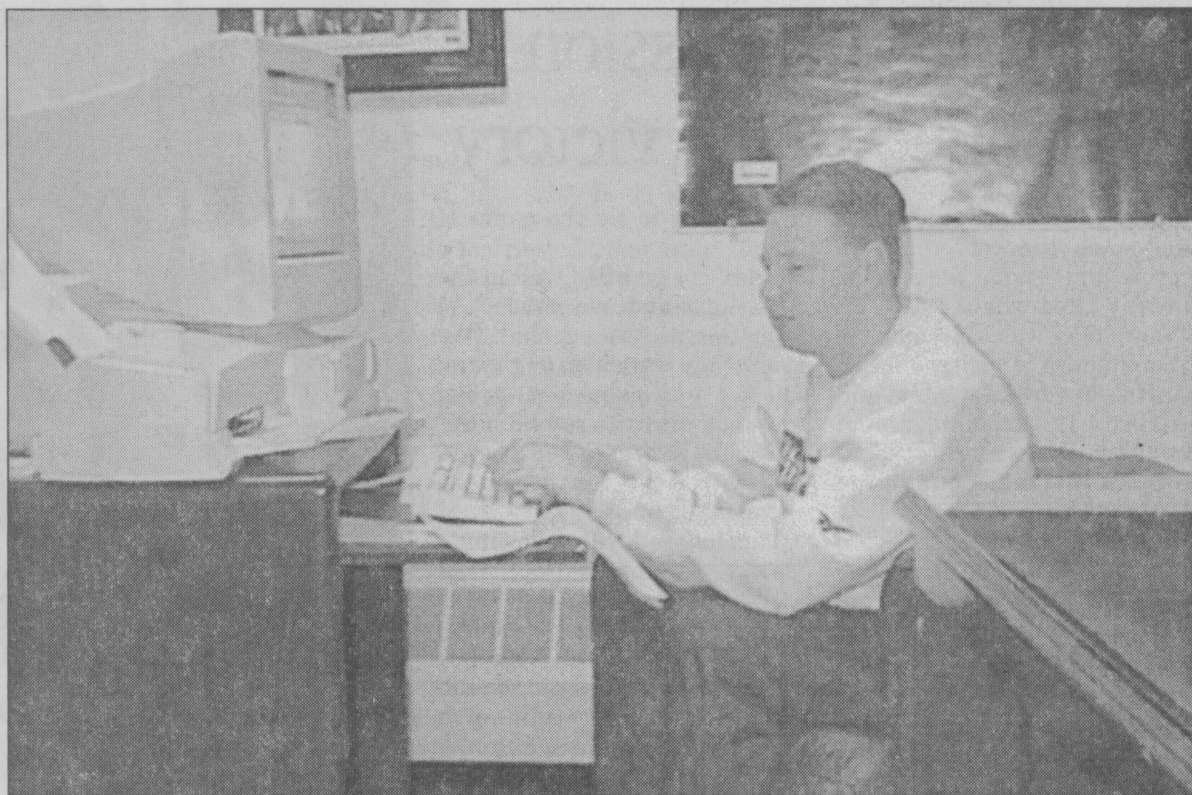
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Hagley



Kerns



"Being an administrative assistant is very demanding and time-consuming," Weirton graduate student Todd Baxter said. "We can work seven days a week and 60 hours — there are no set hours that you work." A normal work day, Baxter said, is from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

the same hours as the rest of the other coaches, as well as attending graduate level classes.

"Part of our job is to work with the academics of the players and part of our job is to help the players stay eligible as far as guiding them in what they should be doing."

Kerns said the administrative assistants are not allowed to be on the court during practice, nor can they teach or instruct the players.

"However, we can stand off the floor and observe practice, which can be beneficial to us later in our coaching careers."

Baxter added, "Since we are not allowed on the floor, I take a notebook and write down any drills or anything I can take away from practice that I can use later in my coaching career."

"By having this job I learn a lot about what goes on behind the scenes of the basketball program," he said. "This will benefit me later on, because I will know how things operate."

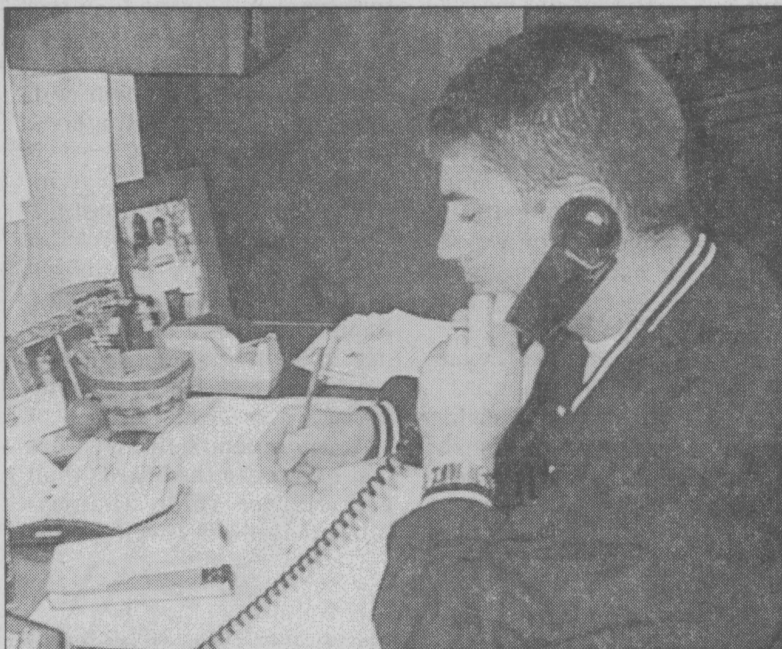
Kerns added, "One great thing about this job is there is something different each day to do, unlike most other jobs where you do the same routine. This job is not like that, which makes it challenging."

Before Greg White became the head coach, there was only one administrative assistant. There were two last year and one more was added this year, Kerns said.

The assistants, who serve two-year terms with the team, have different jobs, but they work together as one team.

The responsibilities each assistant has changes each year. The number of assistants could also change, Kerns said.

Kerns is a second-year gradu-



Charlie Hagley, an administrative assistant with the men's basketball team, is responsible for scheduling. "I have to make hundreds of calls to see who has potential open dates and what are the possibilities of that team playing us," Hagley said.

ate student from Bridgeport. His job is film exchange. He sends films of Marshall's team and its opponents at the request of other schools. He also has to make sure the players are doing well in their classes.

Baxter, of Weirton, is in his first year of graduate school. His job is sending recruiting mailouts. He also helps organize the tip-off club, a booster club that raises money for the basketball program, and Coach White's basketball camp, which includes 30 schools.

"Another part of my job is watching film on potential prospects that might want to attend MU," Weirton said. "If Charlie, Matt or me think that a player looks good enough, then we will hand the video over to the recruiting coach, who then will

make the decision."

Hagley is a second-year graduate student from Upland. His job is scheduling. Hagley also makes sure food and transportation are coordinated for road games.

"We have a conference schedule that is already set, but I have to make hundreds of calls to see who has potential open dates, and what are the possibilities of that team playing us," he said.

"Then I sit down with Coach White and we work together and decide who will be next year's non-conference opponents."

The three administrative assistants also organize community service events for the players.

"I feel that it is very important for our players to perform community service, because a lot of young kids look up to athletes," Baxter said.

## Happenings...

\*your entertainment  
guide for activities and  
events at and outside  
of Marshall.

### On Campus

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P.R.O.W.L., meeting, CCC, 9:10 p.m. Contact: Bob Bondurant 696-3052.

Student Activities Programming Board, meeting, CCC, 3:15 p.m. Contact: SAPB office 696-2290.

Student Government Association, meeting, MSC 2W298, 4 p.m. Contact: SGA office 696-6435.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 16, 2000

SOAR, meeting, Erickson Alumni Center, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Bob Dorado 696-6633.

Lambda Society, meeting, MSC 2W16, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Raymie White 696-6623.

Baptist Campus Ministry, meeting, CCC, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jerry Losh 696-6623.

Residence Services, Pump It Up: Fitness, Hodges Hall, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Tamiko Ferrell 696-3193.

Residence Services, How to Tackle Date Rape, TTW, 9:15 p.m. Contact: Jerry Losh 696-6623.

## Happenings...

is published every Tuesday and Thursday in The Parthenon. If your organization has scheduled an upcoming event or meeting and would like to publish your announcement here, come by The Parthenon at 311 Smith Hall or call us at 696-6696. Deadlines for the Tuesday calendar will be Monday by noon. To get published in Thursday's calendar, turn in your information by noon Wednesday.

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